

City of Battle Creek  
**Sustainable BC Committee**  
City Hall 10 N. Division St.  
Room 302A

Monday, July 22, 2019, 1:00pm

**The purpose** of this Committee is to increase the City's efforts to incorporate environmentally responsible, cost effective policy in the planning, administration and economic development of its built infrastructure and natural resources. The Committee may make recommendations to the City Commission for their consideration and will be available as a resource on sustainability policy.

**MINUTES**

Call to Order- 1:00 pm

Members Present – Mike Myszka, Sarah Kelly, Kurt Tribbett, Liz Paul, Andy Helmboldt, Sue Anderson, Comm. Susan Baldwin

Members Absent – Comm. Kate Flores, Kathy Antaya, Kristin Blood, Mayor Mark Behnke

Approval of Minutes – June 2019 – Mike Myszka made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2019 meeting, seconded by Sue Anderson. Approved with all voting yes.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda - none

Reports

- City energy efficiency activities – Kurt Tribbett updated the committee about projects happening within the city. Mr. Tribbett also spoke about storm run off by the police station.
- Environmental Programs update – Liz Paul updated the committee about events that are coming up. Sarah Kelley mentioned an upcoming event for tire collection in Albion.
- Planning updates – Eric Feldt noted the Zoning Department is updating their ordinance and maps. Mr. Feldt updated the committee about upcoming ordinances including recreational marihuana.
- City Commission updates – Commissioner Susan Baldwin noted recreational marihuana is being discussed with the Commission.

Sustainability Plan:

- Progress updates – Liz Paul noted updates regarding her department for the Sustainability Plan. Ms. Paul mentioned talk of a new energy program during a Facility Manager's meeting. Ms. Paul also noted she is attending water shed meetings and collaborating with surrounding areas. Ms. Paul is talking with departments about recycling and zero waste events. Ms. Paul spoke about the green purchasing policy.
- The committee wants to put staff names with the different sections of the plan to better understand who to go to for information. The committee also discussed having an environmental employee of the year and maybe a citizen as well.
- What's next for the plan? – Andy Helmboldt discussed timelines and the future for the plan and changes to the plan. The committee discussed the annual update to be presented to

the Commission per the plan. Sue Anderson suggested making sub-committees to better understand all the different parts of the plan due to the size.

Field Trips, Trainings, Etc. - none

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Public Comment - none

Member Comments/Announcements – Liz Paul mentioned a climate change summit happening in Grand Rapids. Sue Anderson spoke about climate change. Mike Myszka requested a tour of city facilities once a year.

Next Meeting

- August 26, 2019, 1:00-2:30pm at City Hall.

Adjournment – 2:51 pm